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## An Inordinate Amount Of Ordnance

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A major weapons on-load evolution began Wednesday on board USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). The evolution will take place over four days and will be handled by Truman's Weapons Department.

Various weapons, including missiles, small arms, pyrotechnics and general purpose bombs will be on-loaded to Truman by vertical replenishment (VERTREP) from USNS Lewis and Clark (T-AKE 1) and USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71).

"More than four million pounds of ordnance, totaling \$286 million, will be on-loaded to Truman in the next 96 hours," said Lt. Steve A. Fulsom, the Ordnance Handling Officer overseeing the evolution.

"It's really an all-hands effort, from the Navigation Department to the Weapons Department," said AO3(AW) Clark

B. Smithson. "I think the key to success here is communication. Without communication, you

Mark C. Wilkenson. "The Weapons Department is in the spotlight to get this evolution completed, but we have a lot of other departments and divisions helping us out."

Wilkenson said every department, from Supply and Navigation to Damage Control and Security, would be pitching in to ensure the evolution was completed successfully.

The safety of Truman's Sailors is a major concern regarding this evolution. Persistent snowfall and a harsh wind chill added additional hardship to the operation from the moment it began. More than a few members of the crew involved are experiencing their very first on-load of this kind. With over 2,100 lifts of ammunition expected from Lewis and Clark and Roosevelt, there is plenty of opportunity for something to go wrong.

"We don't want to see anyone get hurt, that's the



Photo by MCSN Joshua Moore

A helo approaches USS Harry S. Truman CVN 75's flight deck with ordnance from USNS Lewis and Clarke (T-AKE 1).

have nothing."

"It's a team effort," agreed AO1(AW/SW)

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## MCPON visits USS Tarawa en route to San Diego

**MC2 Elena Velazquez,  
USS Tarawa Public Affairs**

SAN DIEGO (NNS) Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON)(SW/FMF) Joe R. Campa, Jr. visited USS Tarawa (LHA 1) on Feb. 2 to meet the crew.

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Charles Bowen hosted the MCPON on his visit to San Diego and accompanied him on board Tarawa.

"I asked the Force Master Chief (Master Chief Michael Schanche) to pick a ship that in his estimation is the pride of the waterfront and he picked this ship today," Campa said.

During the MCPON's two-hour visit he met with the chief petty officer mess to discuss deck plate leadership and the upcoming transition season. He then went to the hangar bay to greet the Sailors and present awards to Aviation Boatswain Mate 1st Class Fredy Giron, Senior Sailor of the Year (SOY); Fire Controlman 2nd Class Nicolas Panglose, SOY; and Airman Paul Cho, Junior SOY.

"I was nervous when the MCPON



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Class Kelly Morgan

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Joe R. Campa Jr. speaks with Command Master Chief Linda Handley and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard Skip Bowen in the chiefs' mess on board amphibious assault ship USS Tarawa (LHA 1).

presented me with my award," said Cho. "I also was much honored to shake his hand."

MCPON said he was happy to make the visit to Tarawa.

"I just want to thank you for your service and your sacrifice. I really appreciate what you do day in and day out for our Navy and for our country because it does make a difference."

## MSC Ships Replenish Antarctic Research Station

**Military Sealift Command  
Public Affairs**

MCMURDO STATION, Antarctica (NNS) Military Sealift Command (MSC) dry cargo ship MV American Tern arrived at the National Science Foundation's McMurdo Station in Antarctica on Feb. 4 to deliver supplies and equipment as part of Operation Deep Freeze, the station's annual replenishment of supplies.

American Tern docked at McMurdo's ice pier following the departure of MSC tanker USNS Paul Buck, which arrived on Feb. 1 and pumped off 162,000 barrels of fuel for equipment ranging from generators to helicopters.

American Tern will spend about four days offloading more than 29,000 tons of equipment, food and other supplies. The ship will then spend another three days loading cargo for a return trip to the United States, with a stop in New Zealand. This shipment includes ice core samples that will provide scientists studying global climate change with information about the composition of the atmosphere hundreds of thousands of years ago.

"MSC is an important part of Operation Deep Freeze," said

Tim Pickering, MSC cargo project officer. "Air Force cargo planes make hundreds of trips a year to McMurdo, but without the use of ships, it would not be possible to move the large quantities of supplies needed to keep the station operating."

The National Science Foundation used two ice breakers, USC-GC Polar Sea and Swedish icebreaker Oden, which began work in December to break a channel through 18 miles of ice that separated the pier from open water.

"Paul Buck and American Tern encountered severe weather conditions, rough seas, high winds and small icebergs en route to McMurdo," said Larry Larsson, Deep Freeze Project manager at MSC's Sealift Logistics Command Pacific. "But they made it on time and are doing their job."

MSC has participated in Operation Deep Freeze every year since the station was established in 1955.

Military Sealift Command operates approximately 110 non-combatant, civilian-crewed ships that replenish U.S. Navy ships, chart ocean bottoms, conduct undersea surveillance, strategically preposition combat cargo at sea around the world and move military equipment and supplies used by deployed U.S. forces.



# Helmets Still Required for Sailors, Marines

**April Phillips,  
Naval Safety Center  
Public Affairs**

NORFOLK (NNS) The Naval Safety Center reminds all Sailors and Marines they are required to wear a helmet while riding a motorcycle, both on and off base, even if the state in which they are riding permits them to go without.

This reminder comes because Sailors and Marines stationed in Virginia recently may have heard about a proposed change to existing laws that, if passed, would allow riders to forego the helmet on roads considered scenic byways.

Master Chief Machinist's Mate (SW/AW) James Cooke, a traffic/recreational and off-duty specialist at the Naval Safety Center said that, no matter what, Sailors and Marines must wear helmets.

"Bottom line: you have to wear one," said Cooke. An avid Harley-Davidson rider himself, he said people would be crazy not to make the smart choice when deciding whether or not to wear a helmet.

"It makes a difference. If you don't have that bucket on your head, you have a better chance of ending up in a coma or dead," said Cooke.

In fact, there's a 37 percent better chance of death or significant head trauma compared to those who wear helmets.

So far this fiscal year, seven Sailors and three Marines have died from injuries sustained in motorcycle accidents.

"In the ideal world there would be zero



U.S. Navy photo by MCSN John Hamilton

deaths," Cooke said.

All military riders are required to attend a free motorcycle safety course in order to ride on base, and they can use this information to be safe and responsible motorcycle drivers. Cooke also said that many young riders believe they won't be involved in accidents because they are careful drivers. However, it's often not the person on two wheels who causes the accident.

"Nine times out of 10, it's someone in a four-wheeled vehicle who's at fault. People who don't ride often don't see us. We're not on their radar scope," Cooke said.

Dale Wisnieski, a traffic and motorcycle safety specialist at the Safety Center said he runs into other myths while giving safety presentations throughout the fleet. One of the most prevalent myths deals with novelty helmets. Those small, black helmets that only cover the top of the head are usually not enough to save a rider in an

accident. He keeps a novelty helmet once worn by a motorcyclist in his desk drawer, and takes it with him to display during presentations.

"The guy died hitting his head on a car's bumper. It didn't give him the protection a full-face helmet would have," Wisnieski said.

The helmet didn't crack. It has barely a scratch on it.

Naval instructions require all military motorcyclists to wear either full-face, 3/4 or 1/2 helmets approved by the Department of Transportation or the Snell Memorial Foundation.

Wisnieski is also a biker. He said his helmet saved his life once when his bike went down and his head hit the ground.

"In my mind, helmets are something you should want to put on your head every time you ride," he said. "Anytime you get on your motorcycle without a helmet, it's like saying you are willing to die."

## It's Almost That Time Again! Advancement Exams Are Only A Month Away!

**E-6 Exam.....March 1**  
**E-5 Exam.....March 8**  
**E-4 Exam.....March 15**

**Stay tuned to the Give 'Em Hell Herald and SITE TV for more information about times and locations. Remember to start studying early. For more information about your particular exam log on to the advancement center website at [www.cnet.advancement.navy.mil](http://www.cnet.advancement.navy.mil) and select your exam and rating from the drop down menus.**

## Underway Reminders

- Trash is to be separated prior to disposal.
- Please separate trash by paper, plastic and metal items.
- More information can be found by watching SITE TV on channels 5 & 6.
- Please do not throw away your silverware on the mess decks.

Thursday Movies

Channel 7

Hidalgo

Viggo Mortensen & Omar Sharif

An American travels to the Arabian Desert to compete in an epic horse race.

The Chronicles of Riddick

Vin Diesel & Ja Rule

Riddick finds himself caught in the middle of a galactic war..

Die Another Day

Pierce Brosnan & Halle Berry

The adventures of 007 continue as Bond circles the world to unmask a traitor.

Dickie Roberts

David Spade & Alyssa Milano

Roberts is a 35-year-old former child star who is now an out-of-work actor.

Fat Albert

Kenan Thompson & Dania Ramirez

Bill Cosby's character 'Fat Albert' comes to life on the big screen.

Channel 8

Sleepwalkers

Alice Krige & Brian Krause

Stephen King's classic movie about modern day vampires.

School For Scoundrels

Billy Bob Thornton & Jon Heder

A NYC meter maid takes a class that is supposed to help boost his confidence and self-esteem.

Running Scared

Paul Walker & Cameron Bright

A low-level gangster's gun is used in another shooting, and now he's running for his life.

Predator

Arnold Schwarzenegger & Jesse Ventura

A military hostage team is stuck in a jungle defending themselves against an alien.

Pelican Brief

Julia Roberts & Denzel Washington

A law school student tries to expose a massive government cover up.

Thursday Movies

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main thing,” said AO1(AW/SW) Billy Ray “The Legend” Light. “We’ve got to go out there and play like champions, today and everyday.”

“If we get all this ammo on-loaded but someone gets hurt, we’ll have failed as leaders,” Fulsom said.

In order to maintain proper Operational Risk Management (ORM), a crew of safety observers has been tasked with troubleshooting the evolution for safety hazards.

“We’re going to have a lot of new people out there who have never done an on-load before,” said safety observer AO1(AW) Desmond J. Cary. “We’ve got to look out for our junior guys and keep them safe too.”

Cary said as long as the crew acted professionally and utilized the training they’d received, the mission would be successful.

“This is definitely one of the big things we do as Aviation Ordnancemen,” said AO1(AW)

Chris L. Crichton. “It will be a good wake up call for the new guys because they haven’t up until now done anything like this.”

Smithson said the Weapons Department trained extensively for the on-load operation.

“I’m confident we’re ready,” said Smithson. “We’ve prepped magazine storage units in the hangar bay levels, we’ve assured all elevators and communication devices are working properly, and we’ve mapped out where weapons are going to be stored and how we’re going to store them, to name a few things.”

Wilkinson said he’d seen Sailors training harder for this evolution than any on-load or off-load operation he’d seen before.

“The Weapons Department on the Harry S. Truman is the best in the fleet,” said Wilkinson. “There’s no doubt in my mind this evolution will be successfully completed.”



Photo by MCSN Joshua Moore

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